

Cancel claims ~~9-11~~ and add the following new claims:

--12. A method of treating abnormal lipid metabolism comprising the coordinated administration of an alkanoyl L-carnitine, wherein the linear or branched alkanoyl group has 2-6 carbon atoms, or of one of its pharmacologically acceptable salts, and a statin.

13. A method of lowering cholesterolaemia and triglyceridaemia associated with abnormal lipid metabolism comprising the coordinated administration of an alkanoyl L-carnitine, wherein the linear or branched alkanoyl group has 2-6 carbon atoms, or of one of its pharmacologically acceptable salts, and a statin.

a 14. The method of claim 12 or 13 in which the statin is selected from the group consisting of lovastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin and fluvastatin and the alkanoyl L-carnitine is selected from the group consisting of acetyl L-carnitine, propionyl L-carnitine, butyryl L-carnitine, valeryl L-carnitine and isovaleryl L-carnitine or one of their pharmacologically acceptable salts.

15. The method of claim 14 in which the alkanoyl L-carnitine is propionyl L-carnitine and the statin is simvastatin--.